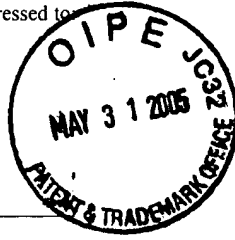


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

On

5-27-05



PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 020460-000210US
Client Ref. No.: 111-1-CIP

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By:

[Signature]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SIRHAN, MOTASIM et al.

Application No.: 09/872,640

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: CATHETER HAVING
EXCHANGEABLE BALLOON

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1955

Examiner: THALER, MICHAEL H.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3731

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.